

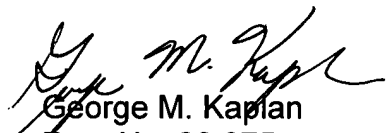
REMARKS:

The claims in the application remain 34, 36-55, 57-60 and 62-74.

The present amendment makes a minor correction of strictly a formal nature in Claims 69 and 70. More specifically, Claims 69 and 70 have been amended to recite agglutination of at least 92% is attained 5 minutes after addition (to platelet-rich plasma), as documented in Table 3 on page 14 of the present application, notably column 6 of Table 3. This minor correction of strictly a formal nature to Claims 69 and 70 in no way affects either (1) the evidence of record in the present application as sworn to by Mr. Jo in his declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 or (2) the arguments made in favor of patentability based upon this evidence during prosecution before the Examiner, in the previously-filed Appellants' Brief or in the Reply Brief simultaneously filed herewith.

According, entry of the present amendment is earnestly solicited.

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